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EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT, KENT

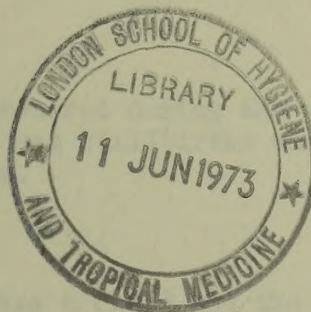
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Annual Reports of the Medical Officer  
of Health and Public Health Inspector  
for the Year, 1970.

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Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1970.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year Home Population was 12,150 which remains the same as the previous year.

Live Births and Rate

The number of live-births was 176 (92M. 84F.) a decrease of 4 from that of the previous year and the crude birth rate was accordingly 14.5 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor which is computed from a population standardised for age and sex distribution and allows comparison with other Districts, becomes 17.1 the rate for England and Wales being 16.0.

Stillbirths and Rate

There was one stillbirth registered during the year and the corresponding rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths was 6.0 compared with that of 13.0 for England and Wales.

Infant Deaths and Mortality Rate

The number of infant deaths was 4 (1F.) and the infantile mortality rate was accordingly 23.0 and was higher than that of 18.0 for England and Wales.

The causes of death were:-

Congenital Cerebral Paralysis	-	2 yrs.
Prematurity (28 weeks)	-	3 days.
Heart Failure, Congenital Heart Disease, Mongolism	-	8 months.
Extreme Prematurity	-	13 hours.

The hard core of causes of Perinatal Mortality (i.e. Stillbirths and deaths under one week of age) is Prematurity, Asphyxia and Atelectasis, Birth Injuries and Congenital Malformations and the most important maternal factor is Toxaemia of Pregnancy.

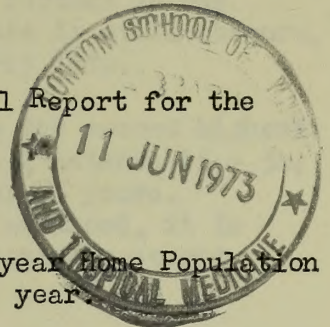
Maternal Deaths and Rate

This rate was again nil as there were no deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion.

Total Deaths and Rate

The number of deaths from all causes was 136 (79M. 57F.) and the crude death rate was accordingly 11.2 which, after adjustment by the Registrar General's Comparability Factor, as for births becomes 8.7 and was slightly lower than that of 11.7 for England and Wales.

The chief group cause of deaths, as would naturally be expected, was Heart and Circulatory Diseases and Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System; of these there were 51.









Ischaemic Heart disease (Coronary Thrombosis and Coronary Atheroma) was the cause of 33 of those deaths. The age groups were as follows:- 1 between 55 - 64; 14 between 65 - 74; and 18 over 75 years. The majority of the deaths were over 65 years, and these figures, although small, conform to the usual pattern that the majority of these deaths occur amongst the elderly and the aged which would seem to indicate that one of the causative factors is due to a degenerative process although the actual cause is still obscure, with particular reference to those who die in early life.

Cancer, as invariably in previous years, was the second highest cause of deaths, 32 in the following age groups:- 2 between 45 - 54; 10 between 55 - 64; 9 between 65 - 74 and 11 over 75 years. As Cancer can be treated successfully if not too advanced, it is reasonable to assume that the majority of those patients sought medical examinations too late.

Cancer of the Lung/Bronchus was the cause of 9 (9M. -F.) of those deaths compared with 10 in the previous year, in the following age groups:- 5 between 55 - 64; 1 between 65 - 74 and 3 over 75 years.

Cancer of the Breast was the cause of 4 deaths in the following age groups:- 1 between 45 - 54; 1 between 55 - 64 and 1 between 65 - 74 and 1 over 75 years of age.

Cancer causes a relentless toll of human lives all over the world and is invariably the second highest cause of deaths of which heart and arterial diseases are the chief cause; the majority of the latter cases are due to old age and coronary thrombosis. However, many deaths from Cancer occur in younger age-groups, usually over the age of 40 years. The majority are in all probability due to delay by patients in seeking medical advice, having regard also to the fact that the onset of the disease is insidious or latent.

It is an old adage that 'prevention is better than cure', and there is sufficient modern knowledge about the causes of some forms of Cancer to enable their prevention.

Modern surgery and X-rays and other radiations used, singly or in combination, have transformed the treatment of this group of diseases.

Almost all skin cancers and over 80% of cancers of the cervix of the uterus can be cured if they are treated early. There was 1 death from Cancer of the Cervix in the 55 - 64 age group.

Amongst the other causes of death there was no exceptional mortality. There was no death due to Infectious Disease.

#### Infectious Diseases

The following cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year:-

Measles	...	...	...	54
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	1
Infective Jaundice	...	...	...	1

A new era in the history of the prevalence of serious Infectious Diseases has been reached, in prevention and treatment. For example, the remarkable advance in this Century of medical science, with emphasis on the last 40 years, has prevented by vaccination and immunisation lethal and disabling infections such as Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and recently Measles and German Measles and by treatment with specific Anti-biotics and Sulpha drugs, diseases caused by bacteria such as Acute Meningitis, the Pneumonias,







Puerperal Sepsis, Scarlet Fever, Erysipelas, Typhoid, Paratyphoid Fevers, and Food Poisoning etc.

All virus infections per se do not respond to treatment by the Anti-biotics or Sulpha drugs, but fortunately serious complications caused by bacteria usually respond successfully to treatment.

Vaccination against the virus of Measles has recently been introduced, and it is expected that the biennial outbreaks which occur will be eventually controlled. Vaccination is available at the Child Welfare Clinics and from the Family Doctor.

Vaccination against German Measles has also been recently introduced for girls aged about 13 - 14 years which would prevent congenital malformations amongst babies whose mothers might suffer from this infection during the early months of pregnancy.

#### Tuberculosis

There were no new cases of Respiratory or Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis notified during the year, also there were no deaths.

This disease, which in past medical history has been a scourge of man and was known as the 'White Plague', is in these days almost completely under control, by prevention (including the elimination of housing overcrowding and a higher standard of living), and by treatment. Since 1950, the number of cases amongst adolescents amongst whom it was most common, has gradually decreased to a minimum. Protection of schoolchildren by B.C.G. vaccination, which is offered to those aged 13 years and over, has been an important factor.

#### Food Poisoning

Cases or suspected cases of Food Poisoning are still required to be notified.

There was 1(F) aged 30 years notified as suffering from Salmonella Enteritidis. No other cases were notified. This fact is an excellent tribute to the invaluable routine prevention work in Food Hygiene carried through by the Public Health Inspectorate.

#### Influenza

Fortunately, there was no outbreak of this dangerous infection during the winter months.

In conclusion, I would state that the Public Health of the District was very satisfactory during the year, and I would take this opportunity of thanking you for your support and interest in the work of the Department and the staff for their co-operation and efficient service.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

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STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT

FOR 1970

Area: 51,398 acres.

Registrar-General's Estimate of:-

The Resident Population	...	...	...	12,150
<u>Number of Inhabited Houses According to</u> <u>the Rate Books</u>	...	...	...	4,635
<u>Rateable Value:-</u>	...	...	...	£338,667
<u>Sum Represented by a Penny Rate</u>	...	...	...	£1,410

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

East Ashford Rural District is predominantly agricultural in character - there are a few light industries. The Council has been progressive in building 100 pre-war and 657 post-war Traditional Houses and generally social conditions are very satisfactory.







EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>		<u>East Ashford Rural District</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
1. <u>Live Births</u>	176	92	84	Birth Rate	14.5	16.0
(a) Legitimate	166	90	76	per 1,000	(Adjusted	
(b) Illegitimate	10	2	8	estimated	Rate)	
				resident	17.1	
				population		
2. <u>Stillbirths</u>	1	-	1	Rate per	6.0	13.0
(a) Legitimate	1	-	1	1,000 total		
(b) Illegitimate	-	-	-	(live and		
				still) births		
3. <u>Total live and stillbirths</u>	177	92	85			
4. <u>Deaths</u>	136	79	57	Death Rate	11.2	11.7
				per 1,000	(Adjusted	
				resident	Rate)	
				population	8.7	
5. <u>Deaths from Pregnancy Childbirth, Abortion</u>	-	-	-	Rate per	-	Not Available
				1,000 live		
				births		
6. <u>Deaths of Infants Under One Year of Age</u>	4	-	4	Rate per	23.0	18.0
				1,000 live		
				births		
(a) Legitimate	3	-	3	Rate per	18.0	17.0
				1,000 live		
				births		
(b) Illegitimate	1	-	1	(legitimate)		
				Rate per	100.0	26.0
				1,000 live		
				births		
				(illegitimate)		
7. <u>Perinatal Mortality</u>	2	-	2	Rate per	17.0	23.0
(Stillbirths & deaths				1,000 total		
of infants under one				births		
week of age)						
(a) Legitimate	1	-	1			
(b) Illegitimate	1	-	1			
8. <u>Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births</u>					6%	







CAUSES OF DEATH IN EAST ASHFORD RURAL

DISTRICT DURING 1970

<u>All Causes</u>	<u>Males</u> 79	<u>Females</u> 57
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	9	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	3	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	3	5
Diabetes Mellitus	1	-
Anaemias	1	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	22	11
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	5	7
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	2
Influenza	1	2
Pneumonia	7	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	4	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	1	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	-
All Other Accidents	1	1





# TUBERCULOSIS

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY, 1970

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>				<u>Total cases on Register</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non Respiratory</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
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1 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
5 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
15 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
25 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
35 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
45 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
55 ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis of a patient who had not been notified as suffering from this disease.





# IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1970 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Year of Birth	Primary							Re-Inforcing						
	Triple Antigen	Diph./Tet.	Smallpox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio myelitis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph./Tet.	Smallpox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio-myelitis	
1970	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1969	83	-	} 75	1	12	137	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	
1968	15	3		-	24	40	-	22	14	-	-	-	-	
1967	4	-	-	-	22	14	-	17	11	-	-	-	-	
1966	-	-	-	1	6	1	-	1	5	-	1	-	7	
1963-64	1	1	-	-	10	-	-	7	17	-	3	-	43	
1965	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	23	67	-	3	-	117	
1954-62	1	1	-	13	5	-	10	5	12	7	28	-	28	
TOTAL	107	5	75	15	93	194	10	77	127	7	35	-	195	

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EAST ASHFORD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

1970

Chief Public Health Inspector  
J. H. Meurice, M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector  
D. H. Poole, Cert. R.S.I. and S.I.E.J. Board  
Cert. Meat and other Foods.





Council Offices,  
8 Elwick Road,  
Ashford,  
Kent.

To the Chairman and Councillors of  
The East Ashford Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my sixth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health Department for the year ending 31st December, 1970.

During the year the Council agreed to two improvements of existing services. The first was the adoption of the sack system of refuse storage and collection as a pilot scheme in the Parishes of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell, which circumstances prevented implementing in 1970. The second was the approval of a scheme for improving the cesspool emptying service. The new vehicle for which should be delivered early in the new year.

Good progress was made during the year on sewage schemes. It is to be hoped that money will be available to enable this very necessary work to continue at the present rate.

During the year the full brunt of the Housing Act, 1969 was felt. Considerable time was spent on Improvement Grants 60 of which were approved compared with 20 the year before. Nearly 600 properties have been improved in this district since grants were introduced in 1949.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

JOHN H. MEURICE,  
Chief Public Health Inspector.





## WATER SUPPLY

The majority of the area receives its mains water supply from the Mid Kent Water Company, a small number (23) are still served however by the Folkestone Water Company. Only the more isolated properties are without a piped supply. None of the water in the area is plumbo-solvent and no fluoride has been added to the water.

### Examination of Water Supplies

	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Not Satisfactory
Statutory      Raw Undertaking    Treated	- 12	- 12	- -
Private Sources Piped to Dwellings	-	-	-
Other Private Sources (Wells, etc.)	-	-	-

Houses supplied from private sources (piped)..... 27  
Houses supplied from wells etc. .... 50  
Houses supplied by Mid Kent Water Company ..... 4,535  
Houses supplied by Folkestone Water Company ..... 23  
Number of houses in the East Ashford Rural District .... 4,635  
Number of houses connected to main during year ..... 36

### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year work on the Brook scheme was completed and some 107 properties were connected to the sewer. Work commenced on the Ruckinge and Bilsington scheme and also the Lower Lees and East Chilham scheme.

The number of areas unsewered within the District is diminishing. There are however areas that still rely on cesspools or septic tanks for drainage but need to be sewered on public health grounds. These are as follows and are not necessarily in order of priority.

- 1) Aldington
- 2) Mersham (partially sewered)
- 3) Warehorne
- 4) Boughton Aluph Village and outlying areas adjacent to Ashford U.D.C. boundary.
- 5) Part of Wye
- 6) Ruckinge (Bromley Green Road area)

Of the above list a joint scheme has been prepared by the Council and approved by the Ministry for the area of Aldington and Mersham. A scheme for that area of Boughton Aluph adjacent to the Ashford U.D.C. boundary has also been prepared by the Council and approved by the Ministry. Work will commence on these schemes as soon as possible. The Council's Consulting Engineers are preparing a combined scheme for Warehorne (East Ashford) and Kenardington (Tenterden Rural District). The Council's Surveyor is preparing a scheme for Ruckinge (Bromley Green Road area). This leaves only the village of Boughton Aluph and that part of Wye west of the river and railway to be dealt with as urgent cases. Bearing in mind the high cost of main drainage schemes, I think the Council has made remarkable progress in the past few years.





## Cesspool and Septic Tanks

The Council provide for two free emptyings each year, this can be increased in certain circumstances and in cases of emergency. Two 1,500 gallon tankers are operated by the Council and under normal circumstances they can cover the requirements of the area. During the year it was necessary to call in a private Contractor to help out, a total of 189 orders being passed to this Contractor. The Council has decided to improve the cesspool emptying service. To do this a further 1,500 gallon tanker has been ordered for delivery early in 1971. It is proposed to provide extra emptyings on request, a charge being made for such emptyings to cover the actual cost.

During the past 2,255 tanks were emptied (last year 2,256), this in spite of the completion of the Brook scheme.

## Drainage

Total number of houses .....	4,635
Total number of houses connected to sewer .....	2,189
Total number of houses not connected to sewer .....	2,446
Number of houses with cesspools or septic tanks (Est.).	2,278
Number of houses with pail or chemical closets .....	168

During the year a further 15 properties were converted from pail or chemical closets to septic tank drainage. The number of properties without cesspools or septic tanks and which rely on pail or chemical closets is, I am glad to say, slowly diminishing. The improvement grant scheme being mainly responsible for this improvement.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ADMINISTRATION

### Registered Premises

There are now 55 premises registered under section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. This total is made up as follows, last year's figures in brackets.

(1) Retailers of Ice Cream .....	45 (46)
(2) Preparation and Manufacture of sausages and preserved foods .....	10 (10)

During the year inspections were made of all these premises. No samples of ice cream were taken as all the retailers sell a pre-packed product of one of the large combines.

### Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The total number of food premises subject to the above Regulations is 97. These can be categorised as follows:-

Type of Premises	No.	Type of Premises	No.
Licensed Premises only	25	Bakehouses	2
Licensed Premises with restaurant	7	Confectioners	2
Poultry Processing	1	Canteens	2
Butchers	6	Slaughterhouses	1
Fruit Shops	2	Grocers	39
Cafes	8	Residential Homes	2

A total of 450 visits was made to all types of food premises during the year, as a result of these visits 19 informal notices were served (including verbal) and all of the premises were improved as a result. The standard in food premises in the area continues to be generally satisfactory.





## Complaints

During the year five complaints were received from members of the public, these were as follows:-

- 1) Mould on the shell of eggs
- 2) Insect in loaf of bread
- 3) Mildew on biscuits
- 4) Alleged worm in lamb kidney
- 5) Lack of cream in milk

All these matters were investigated but it was not considered necessary to take legal proceedings.

## Milk and Dairies

### Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

The number of registered distributors within the district is now 33. The number of registered dairies is 2.

## Meat Inspection

Only one slaughterhouse exists within the district. During the year 142 hours overtime were worked in order to achieve one hundred per cent meat inspection, this is similar to last year's figure (141 hours).

There was a slight increase in the number of animals slaughtered as the following figures will show:-

Carcases killed and inspected in 1967 .....	3,070
" " " " " 1968 .....	3,001
" " " " " 1969 .....	2,784
" " " " " 1970 .....	2,955

The slaughterhouse is modern in construction and equipment and presents no real problem. Most of the meat from the slaughterhouse is sold in the owners own shops and is of high quality as will be seen from the small amount of meat condemned. A total of 205 visits was made for the purpose of meat inspection, and the total weight of meat condemned was 2,687 lbs.

## Unsound Food

Diseased meat from the slaughterhouse was the main food condemned.

During the year a small quantity of frozen food was surrendered following the breakdown of a storage cabinet.

Unsound food is disposed of by burying on the Council's tip under supervision or taken by Messrs. Eastern By-Products Ltd for processing.



Details of Meat Inspection and Percentage of Meat Condemned

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. killed	403	6	24	1,459	1,063	-
No. inspected	403	6	24	1,459	1,063	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	6	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	43	2	-	56	101	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with disease other than T.B. or Cysticerci	10.66	33.33	-	3.83	10.06	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	23	-
Percentage of No. inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.16	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of Slaughterhouses in use

Slaughterhouses/Abattoirs in operation owned or leased by Local Authority	Private Slaughterhouses		Bacon Factories	Knackers Yard
	Licensed	In Operation		
Nil	1	1	Nil	Nil

Poultry Inspection

For most of the year two processing premises operated within the district. One of these is now closed. The annual throughput was just 240,000 of which just over 15,000 are eviscerated, the rest merely bled prior to packing. The plant that carried out the evisceration is the one which has now closed. The percentage of birds rejected was just over 0.3%, the weight being a little over  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton. During the year 18 visits were made to the premises. Our relations with the operators are excellent, full co-operation being easily achieved.





## HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

### (1) Unfit Houses

During the year four houses were demolished and four were closed being unfit for human habitation. A few houses still occupied have had Demolition or Closing Orders made on them, when vacant the orders will become operative. Seven unfit houses were made fit during the year.

### (2) Improvement Grants

A considerable amount of time was taken up during the year on Improvement Grants. The number of grants of both types approved by the Council was 60 compared with 20 last year. The number of visits made rose to 304 compared with 216 last year. There is no doubt that the new grants have encouraged people to improve their properties.

#### (a) Discretionary Grants

Thirty six applications for Discretionary Grants were received during the year, all were approved.

The cost of works involved rose dramatically to £79,959 of which £53,404 was eligible for grant. The amount of grant was £26,702.

#### (b) Standard Grants

Twenty four applications for Standard Grants were made, all being approved. The amount of grant involved was £7,529.

### (3) Inspections - Public Health Acts and Housing Acts

No. of inspections .....	112
No. of dwellings made fit .....	36
No. of inspections for the purpose of Sections 16/17 Housing Act, 1957 (Demolition and Closing Orders) .	15

#### Improvement and Standard Grants

Total number of visits in connection with all improvement grants .....	304
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#### Public Health Acts

No. of inspections re Caravans .....	91
" " " " Dust and Smoke Nuisances .....	26
" " " " Drainage and Cesspools .....	121
" " " " Water Supplies .....	21
" " " " Refuse Tips .....	279
" " " " Refuse Collection and Litter ...	234

### (4) Housing

At the end of the year there were 196 families on the Council's Housing list. No Council houses were built during the year. The number of private houses built was 27, the lowest for some years.

## HOUSING ACT, 1969 - CERTIFICATES OF QUALIFICATION

During the year ten applications for Certificates of Qualification were received, seven applications were approved and three were refused.





## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Once again it was possible to visit and inspect each of the registered premises at least once during the year.

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 67. This total is divided up as follows:

Offices .....	18
Retail Shops .....	36
Warehouses .....	-
Catering Establishments and Canteens .....	12
Fuel Storage Depots .....	1

A total of 264 persons is employed in these premises of which 169 are females and 95 males. During the year 67 general inspections were made and the total visits for all purposes was 171.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

### (1) (a) Collection

There were no changes in the refuse collection service during the year which consists of a weekly kerbside collection except in the case of aged and/or infirm persons when a back door collection is made. Also a free collection of bulky refuse is made on Saturday mornings.

Three modern compression refuse vehicles are operated by the Council.

During the year the Council approved a pilot scheme for the Parishes of Boughton Aluph and Eastwell using plastic sacks as liners to plastic containers. It is hoped to implement this scheme early in 1971.

### (b) Litter

Litter is still a problem and from time to time unauthorised dumps on the roadside are cleared. Regular clearances are made of litter bins throughout the district.

### (2) Disposal

At present two refuse tips are used for the disposal of refuse, both of these tips are leased to the Council. A further tip is owned by the Council but is kept for emergency use only being near to a village. The whole of the refuse collected is disposed of by controlled tipping. These tips are available free of charge to persons living within the area.

### (3) Staff

The staff at present engaged on refuse collection and disposal consists of 10 men, each of the loaders taking a turn in baling paper salvage. One man is engaged full-time on tip maintenance using a JCB 2 digger.

### (4) Paper Salvage

The Council continue to operate this salvage scheme although rising costs continue to take a toll of the profits. A nationally known company has set up a collection organisation in the town and as a result several villages are now collecting paper for various good causes. This has cut the tonnage collected during the year from 169 tons to an all time low figure of 113 tons which is valued at £1,127.





### Abandoned Vehicles

During the year two cars were removed for disposal. A further vehicle stored after removal last year was scrapped.

### CARAVAN SITES

There are at present no multiple licensed caravan sites within the district.

### HOP PICKERS CAMPS

Only one small camp (10 persons a year) still operates within the area.

### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

Six licences were issued during the year, the same as last year. No problems arose in respect of the licenced premises.

### RODENT CONTROL

During the past year there was again a small decrease in the number of complaints.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1) Number of Properties in District	5,009	670
2)(a) Total number of properties (including nearby properties) inspected following notification	153	-
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	130	-
(ii) Mice	27	-
3) Total number of properties inspected for Rats/Mice for reasons other than notification	70	10
(i) Rats	36	10
(ii) Mice	2	-
Were any sewers infested by rats during the year	No	-

During the year the Council's Rodent Operator dealt with 63 wasp nests all as a result of requests from ratepayers.





FACTORIES ACT, 1961

(1) Inspections

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of:		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	42	58	2	-
3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	42	58	2	-

(2) Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars  (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Prosecution  (6)
	Found  (2)	Remedied  (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sanitary Conveniences</u>					
a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1	-
b) Unsuitable and defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	5	4	-	1	-

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(1) Investigations

Particulars	Number on Register (2)	Number of:		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupations Prosecuted (5)
1) Particulars in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authority	-	-	-	-
2) Particulars not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by local authority	42	58	2	-
3) Other Particulars in which Sec. 7 is enforced by local authority	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	42	58	2	-

(2) Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	No. of cases in which defects were found		Provision
			Refused		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Infective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary arrangements	-	-	-	-	-
a) Insufficient	-	-	-	1	-
b) Unsanitary and defective	-	-	-	-	-
c) Not adequate for	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2	4	-	1	-



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